

## WE CLAIM:

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1. A nail coating composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, microspheres and at least one film-forming substance.
  2. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said microspheres are present in an amount of from about 0.05% to about 15% by weight of the total composition.
  3. A nail coating composition according to claim 2, wherein said microspheres are present in an amount of from about 0.1% to about 6% by weight of the total composition.
  4. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said microspheres have an average diameter from about 1 micron to about 200 microns.
  5. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said microspheres have a particle size distribution of 90% below 150 microns.
  6. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said microspheres are chosen from hollow microspheres and solid microspheres.
  7. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said microspheres are chosen from ceramic microspheres, glass microspheres, polymeric microspheres, and metal microspheres. *long*
  8. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said at least one film-forming substance is chosen from cellulose acetate, cellulose acetate butyrate, ethyl cellulose, vinyl polymers, nitrocellulose, nitrocellulose derivatives, acrylics, and urethanes. *long*
  9. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said at least one film-forming substance is present in an amount of from about 5% to about 20%, relative to the total weight of the composition.
  10. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, said composition further comprising at least one plasticizer.
  11. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, said composition further comprising at least one additional film-forming substance.
  12. A nail coating composition according to claim 1, said composition further comprising at least one coloring agent.

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21. A nail coating composition for filling ridges in or smoothing out a nail surface, wherein said composition contains microspheres of average diameter ranging

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from about 1 to about 40 microns, with a median diameter of ranging from 20 to 35 microns, and at least one film-forming substance.

22. A nail coating composition for providing texture or a matte finish to a nail surface, wherein the composition contains microspheres of average diameter ranging from about 50 to about 150 microns, with a median diameter of greater than 60 microns, and at least one film-forming substance.

23. A nail coating composition comprising a mixture of microspheres and an aqueous dispersion of at least one film-forming substance.

24. A nail coating composition according to claim 23, wherein said at least one film-forming substance is present in an amount of about 3% to about 50% relative to the total weight of the composition.

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